

REMARKS

Claims 38-68, 80-83 and 90-100 are pending in this application.

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner required an election of species between:

Species 1: the embodiment as shown in Figures 1-8,
Species 2: the embodiment as shown in Figures 9-19, and
Species 3: the embodiment as shown in Figures 20-26.

It is noted that the requirement as posed, only referenced Figure 20, but the disclosure clearly establishes that Figures 20-26 are directed to an embodiment other than that of those shown in Species 1 and Species 2, directed to Figs. 1-8 and Figs. 9-19, respectively. It is noted that this is that same requirement that was originally made with respect to claims 1-37, which had been canceled by preliminary amendment.

For purposes of examination, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species 3, including claims 38-54, 56, 58-68, 80-83 and 90-100, which read thereon, for examination on the merits.

It is further noted that the requirement characterizes the application as presenting no claims that are generic. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this characterization, as under the definition of generic claims provided in *§ 806.04(d) of the MPEP*, there appear to be a number of claims present that are indeed generic. However, as the Office Action correctly indicates, upon the indication that a generic claim is allowable, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowable generic claim.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul T. Sewell, Reg. No. 61,784 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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